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Mobile Optometry Unit Proviso

The South Carolina 2021-2022 General Appropriations Bill, State Budget Bill H. 4100, was ratified June 21, 2021. Within the ratified bill, proviso 81.15 provides the following regarding mobile optometry units serving Title 1 schools:

81.15. (LLR: Mobile Optometry Units) In furtherance of expanding access to health care in unserved and underserved populations, the location and site restriction on services provided by mobile units for optometry in Section 40-37-320(B) of the 1976 Code shall be suspended for Fiscal Year 2021-22. The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation and the Board of Examiners in Optometry are directed to process and issue registrations for mobile units that apply to provide optometry services on the site of a Title I public school to students attending the school, provided that the services are rendered as part of a not-for-profit program and are provided by an optometrist licensed to practice in South Carolina. The registration shall be administratively issued by the Board of Examiners in Optometry within ten days after receipt of a registration request and following payment of a ten dollar registration fee to cover administrative costs.

Mobile Unit Applications can be found on the Board website at https://www.llr.sc.gov/opto/pub.aspx.

Licensees and other members of the public needing assistance are encouraged to visit the Board website at www.llr.sc.gov, call 803-896-4679, or send an email to contact.optometry@llr.sc.gov.

Sincerely,

South Carolina Board of Examiners in Optometry